



# *The Lemonier Express*

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## Message From the Commander

Happy Valentine's Day! Another month ripped off the calendar and put in the circular file. February is a great month, but we will be a little short on Valentine's celebration out here (a card from the Sergeant Major just isn't the same...). The weather is not really getting any warmer, but the humidity is up so it is definitely feeling warmer. That said, we are still enjoying the "cooler" winter months of the year out here (still over 100 every day at noon).

We had the chance to see the Super Bowl "live" which was a treat for anyone dumb enough to stay up until 2:30 AM for the game to start. I understand it was a great game for those whose eyes were still open...and mine were not!

We continue to be active in many of the countries out here (Sudan, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Kenya, and Yemen). We are moving forward to open relations with Tanzania and Uganda as well. Yesterday, Gen Abizaid challenged the forces in Iraq and Afghanistan to work towards a solution that was closer to the CJTF-HOA than the current situation they both enjoy. Clearly, partnership with Host Nations is a better way to win this war than being at odds with them. Your loved ones are doing a great job and many in Washington DC have described what they are accomplishing here as the model for the future.

Your loved ones are having a significant impact out here in winning back the neighborhoods from the terrorists who would seek to move in and enflame the passions of an impoverished people. We are winning and you should be proud. Hang tough and keep your eye on our President's objective – to free the world of terrorist tyranny. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Keep the home fires burning and God bless you.

Sincerely,

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